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PLEASE PASS RODMAN/ADAMS/BORG FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

1. HERewith EXCERPTED TEXT JACK ANDERSON COLUMN, MARCH 21, WASHPOST, ENTITLED "KISSINGER EYES SOVIET MIDEAST ROLE."

2. WHILE SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER IS PROMOTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, ACCORDING TO SOURCES FAMILIAR WITH HIS GRAND DESIGN, HE IS ALSO PREPARING FOR CONTINUED HOSTILITY.

3. AT BEST, HE BELIEVES HE MAY BE ABLE TO KEEP THE ARABS AND ISRAELIS APART UNTIL THE NEXT ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS. A FINAL SETTLEMENT, HE KNOWS, WILL HAVE TO COME OUT OF GENEVA. HE HAS GIVEN UP TRYING TO PREVENT A REVIVAL OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, WHERE BOTH THE SOVIET UNION AND THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION WILL BE
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REPRESENTED.

4. KISSINGER BELIEVES THAT THE SOVIETS WANT TO CONTINUE THE TENSION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, ALBEIT WITHOUT OPEN WARFARE THAT COULD BRING A DANGEROUS CONFRONTATION WITH THE UNITED STATES. FOR TENSION KEEPS THE ARABS DEPENDENT UPON SOVIET SUPPORT.

5. IF PERMANENT PEACE SHOULD COME TO THE MIDDLE EAST, THE ARABS WOULD HAVE LESS NEED OF SOVIET ARMS AND COULD GRADUALLY LOOSEN THEIR TIES WITH MOSCOW. ONLY ARAB FEAR OF ISRAEL'S MILITARY POWER, THE KREMLIN RECOGNIZES, PERMITS THE SOVIETS TO KEEP THEIR FOOTHOLD IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

6. KISSINGER, THEREFORE, EXPECTS THE SOVIETS TO OBSTRUCT ANY SETTLEMENT THAT COULD BRING LASTING PEACE BETWEEN THE ARABS AND ISRAELIS. THIS IS THE REASON HE HAS TRIED TO KEEP THE NEGOTIATIONS AWAY FROM GENEVA, WHERE THE SOVIETS HAVE A VOICE.

7. THIS IS NO LONGER POSSIBLE, KISSINGER REALIZES, SO PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WILL REMAIN TENUOUS. THE ASTUTE SECRETARY OF STATE HAS BEEN MOVING, MEANWHILE, TO PROTECT AMERICAN INTERESTS IN THE AREA.

8. HE HAS BEEN GUIDED MORE BY GEOGRAPHY THAN IDEOLOGY. THE UNITED STATES, FOR EXAMPLE, HAS A BIG STAKE IN THE RICH OIL FIELDS AROUND THE PERSIAN GULF. CONSEQUENTLY, HE HAS SOUGHT TO STRENGTHEN U.S. TIES WITH THE PERSIAN GULF STATES FROM IRAN TO OMAN. HE IS TRYING TO BOLSTER THE MILITARY POWER OF IRAN, IN PARTICULAR, AS THE PROTECTOR OF THE PERSIAN GULF. BUT HE IS ALSO DOING ALL IN HIS POWER TO HELP ALL THE ARAB OIL SHEIKHS TO PUT DOWN RADICAL COMMUNIST-INSPIRED MOVEMENTS.

9. PAKISTAN IS STRATEGICALLY LOCATED AT THE TOP OF THE ARABIAN SEA, COMMANDING THE APPROACHES TO THE PERSIAN GULF. THIS IS ONE REASON, SAY OUR SOURCES, FOR KISSINGER'S FAMOUS TILT TOWARD PAKISTAN WITH OVER \$1 BILLION IN MILITARY AID. NOW KISSINGER HAS ALSO LIFTED THE U.S. UNCLASSIFIED

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EMBARGO, WHICH WILL PERMIT THE UNITED STATES TO SHIP ARMS DIRECTLY TO PAKISTAN.

10. ALSO CRUCIAL TO U.S. INTERESTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, KISSINGER CONTENDS, IS TURKEY, WHICH SITS ASTRIDE THE SOVIET PASSAGEWAY FROM THE BLACK SEA TO THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA. THIS EXPLAINS HIS CAREFUL BUT UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS TO TILT TOWARD TURKEY. IN THE SECRETARY'S VIEW,

TURKEY IS AN ESSENTIAL ALLY, WHICH CONGRESS HAS ALIENATED
BY CUTTING OFF MILITARY AID.

11. IN PRIVATE KISSINGER HAS COMPLAINED THAT HE IS BOUND
BY GEOPOLITICS IN CHOOSING THE ALLIES THAT WILL BE
BEST FOR THE UNITED STATES. HE HAS TO GIVE SECOND PLACE,
HE HAS SAID, TO THE DEGREE OF DEMOCRACY IN THOSE
COUNTRIES AND TO THEIR ETHNIC CONSTITUENCIES IN THE

UNITED STATES. (END TEXT.) INGERSOLL

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